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In re application of:

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For: **Soluble Interleukin-1 Receptor**  
**Accessory Molecule**

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**Statement Concerning the Deposited cDNA Clone**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

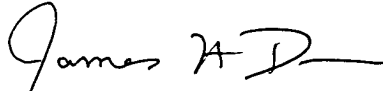
Plasmid 1450621 containing human cDNA encoding a soluble Interleukin Receptor Accessory Molecule polypeptide was deposited under the terms of the Budapest Treaty on July 25, 1996 at the American Type Culture Collection, Patent Depository, 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, VA 20110-2209, and given accession number 97666.

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I have read and understand 37 C.F.R. § 10.18(b).

Respectfully submitted,

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